Benefits of the Program

- Provides access to treatment for impaired professionals.
- Protects the public.
- Promotes early intervention.
- Maintains the licensee's professional livelihood, provided they are in compliance with the VTO agreement and do not commit any professional infractions.
- Ensures accountability for program compliance.



Participating Boards / Commissions in the Voluntary Treatment Option Program

Board of Accountancy

Board of Landscape Architecture

Board of Architects

Board of Chiropractic

Board of Cosmetology and Barbering

Board of Dental Examiners

Committee on Dietetics/Nutrition

Board of Electrical Examiners

Board of Funeral Services

Board of Plumbing Examiners

Board of Nursing

Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators

Board of Massage and Bodywork

Board of Occupational Therapy

Board of Examiners in Optometry

Board of Examining Physical Therapists and

Athletic Trainers

Board of Podiatry

Board of Professional Land Surveyors

Council on Real Estate Appraisers

Real Estate Commission

Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency

Professionals

Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Board of Examiners of Speech/Language,

Pathologists, Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers

Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners
Board of Veterinary Medicine

For complete information, please visit www.dpr.delaware.gov and click on the Voluntary Treatment Option link.

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What is the Voluntary Treatment Program?



A professional assistance program for eligible licensees who can confidentially access professional help for their chemical dependency or impairment.

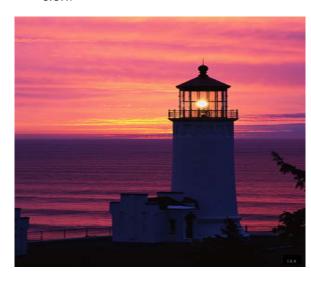
Background

- The Delaware Assembly passed legislation in 1998
- Rules and Regulations were promulgated in 2001 by 25 Boards / Commissions who opted to participate in the program.
- Division of Professional Regulation staff, representatives from Boards / Commissions,

the Attorney General's Office and the Division of Substance Abuse & Mental Health worked to establish program protocols and identified a network of licensed providers to provide assessment and treatment services for program participants.

Accessibility and Eligibility

- By Written Application
- By Third Party Written Referral
- Licensees are eligible for the program if they have not committed an offense, other than the status of being chemically dependent or impaired, that would constitute grounds for discipline under applicable laws governing the profession.



Ease of Program Use by Licensee

- 1. Complete application and authorization release of information or referral form. Please access these forms by going to www.dpr.delaware.gov and clicking on the Voluntary Treatment Option link.
- 2. Complete substance abuse assessment with licensed provider within 30 days of notification eligibility.
- 3. Meet with DPR / Board designee to discuss and sign agreement, if treatment is recommended.
- 4. Access the prescribed level of treatment with licensed provider, different than the assessment provider.
- * Treatment progress monitored by DPR / Board designee.
- * All costs absorbed by the licensee.

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